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Export Certificate and Master Permit Customers:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is proposing a regulation requiring an administrative fee for Certificates of Quarantine Compliance, federal and state Phytosanitary Certificates. If adopted, this fee will apply to all certified interstate and international shipments. The fee will not apply to intrastate shipments. The proposed \$5.30 fee will apply to all state and federal phytosanitary certificates and certificates of quarantine compliance, it will be separate and in addition to any local and federal fees. The \$5.30 will be deducted through the PCIT program at the time of Phytosanitary Certificate issuance.

CDFA is also proposing changes in the Master Permit program, any business which holds a Master Permit will be charged an annual fee of \$125 which will be billed separately and directly by CDFA and not through the PCIT program. An example of a Master Permit is the European Brown Garden Snail Master Permit. A Master Permit is used in lieu of individual Phytosanitary Certificates when shipping to regulated states.

Please see the attached link for details: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/regs_sch-of-charges.html#cns

The proposed regulation was developed to recover CDFA's cost for maintaining a statewide pest prevention system, which includes detection, survey, containment, and eradication activities. This system facilitates trade by maintaining the statewide infrastructure required to ensure pest-free shipments of plant material originating in California. This method of cost recovery was recommended by an industry consortium during recent budget discussions as a means to address cuts to CDFA's state general fund support for these program areas.

You may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulation until 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2012. Submit comments and/or questions to:

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If you do not have computer access and would like us to fax or mail a copy of the proposed regulation, please contact Frank Focha, Inspector Biologist, at (805) 473-7095.

Sincerely,

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